HORSE MEAT

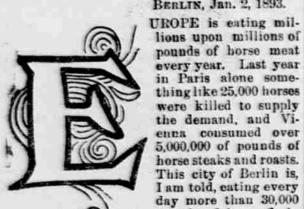
to Man.

Now the Germans Kill, Cook, and Eat the Noblest Animal Known

FOR FOOD.

Thirty Thousand Pounds of Horse Flesh Eaten Daily in Berlin-Butcher Shops and Horse Restaurants-A Famous Horse-Meat Dinner-What the Meat Costs-Horse Fat and Horse Sausage-Recipes for Favorite Dishes-The Government Slaughter-House German Markets.

Special Correspondence THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, BERLIN, Jan. 2, 1893.



horse steaks and roasts. This city of Berlin is, I am told, eating every day more than 30,000 pounds of horse flesh, and gallons of horsemeat soup is flowing down the German throats of some of the poorer classes of this great capital as I write. I have spent several days this week in moving about among the horse butcher shops, and I visited this afternoon the Berlin

horses caten here every year are killed. This curious establishment is situated not very far from the center of the city, and when I arrived at its doors I found myself confronted could not be admitted to it. I rapped on the gate with my stick, and by the aid of the clerk of our Consul-General at Berlin and a little silver I found that it opened quite easily. I entered and found myself in a big barnyard, surrounded by low stables and fenced in at one At the right of the gate as we went in stood a covered with blood. Each butcher wore an apron of leather, which was one mass of clotted dryhouse. blood, and below their blood-spattered pantaloons were heelless slippers which were painted s dark red with the dried blood upon them. Blaughter-house.

of which lay a splendid bay horse which had beef after killing for the American market. just been killed, and from the rafters of which hung a score of carcasses of the horses which



A dinner was given here not long ago, at which

champagne, and the dinner was devoted to the

raising of horse meat in the eyes of the Ger-

Speaking of the cooking of horse flesh I

You put the horse's brains, nicely cleaned, in

cold water, and season them with salt, allspice,

and vinegar. Cook them half an hour; after

and flavor them with salt and pepper to taste.

Then garnish them with eggs and cracker-

meal, and fry them in butter until they are of

a light-yellow-brown color. Horse epicures

tell me that this dish is excellent. Another

recipe is for mayonnaise of brains. In this you

not fry them. You pour over the dish French

vinegar and olive-oil, and serve with mayon-

naise, after garnishing the brains with allspice,

of horse-flesh is eaten under other names.

The German sanitary arrangements are ex-

cellent. All the killing of animals for the

not passed upon by Government Inspectors.

Considerable alarm has been felt here during

the past Fall among the Consuls at some of the

American pork which was examined in Amer-

ica, but was found not good on re-examination

The truth is that we have too few Inspectors

in America for the amount of meat we ship to

Germany. The force should be increased, and

nothing should be shipped here but the very

best. It is the same with beef as with pork,

done more for American meats in Germany

What the United States should do now is to

let it slip from us by carelessness,

crabs' tails, capers, and pickles.

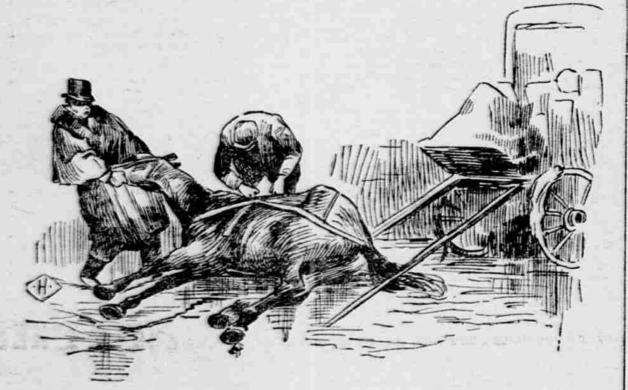
bought a cook book at one of the butcher shops,

man people.

with his legs quivering and trembling all over. I tasted much like vension, and as I don't like Then an apron of leather a foot square was | venison I can't say that I dote on horse. Still, horse slaughter-house where all of the 10,000 hung over his eyes, leaving his forehead bare. | under a French chef horse meat would not be Now one of the men pulled his handsome head at all bad. down, then one of these bloody-armed butchers raised a sledge, the iron hammer of which was as big around as your wrist, and with this he with a big sign which stated that strangers struck the horse full in the forehead. There served. More than 150 people sat down to the was a crash, and the hammer sank into the brain of the horse, and almost simultaneously with the sound the beast dropped to the floor. The red blood poured from his nostrils; his fine eyes shone piteously with pain for a second and then the light went out of them and he was side with a long one-story building of red brick. dead. Now a second butcher stabbed the horse's throat and drove the knife down into group of the butchers, their shirt sleeves rolled his heart, and the blood came forth in great up above their elbows, and their brawny arms spurts, and as it fell it was caught in these big, low, square drying-paus and carried off to the

Each horse furnishes about four gallons of blood, and the last of this was churned out of recipe of Dr. Karl Russ for making roast filet One of these murderous looking men acted as and down upon it with his feet. As soon as the gives directions for making a roast filet of horse | the yeas were 145, nays 56, not voting 126. our guide, and we went with him to the blood was out of the horse it was turned upon a la Geoffroy Saint-Hilaire. Some of the Of the years 28 were Democratic and 117 Reits back, and the dressing from this time on recipes are quite interesting, and I translate publican. All the nays were Democratic. until it was ready for sale to the retail butch-We first entered a long, low room, on the floor | ers was much the same as the preparation of a | that is said to be truly delicious.

There are less than a hundred butcher shops



DESTINED FOR SLAUGHTER.

had been slaughtered that morning. They hung | in Berlin which sell nothing but horse meat, like beeves, with their heads downward, sus- while there are at least 200 in Paris. The law pended from the rafters by their hind legs, and provides that such shops here must be known from the necks of some of them the blood still as horse butcheries, and they advertise their dripped down upon the concrete floor and ran horse meat, so there is little danger of your and Minister Phelps and Secretary Rusk have into a hole covered by a grating toward which eating horse meat here without knowing it.

the floor sloped. a great pile of horses' hoofs, with the iron shoes | the shop itself is like many of the butcher still on them, and in another part of the room | shops of Berlin-in a cellar. Imagine a room | were piles of horses' skins still steaming, and about 12 feet square, with a low white ceiling which bung from the rafters I saw a round blue lies steaks and roasts of dark-red meat. They that this was the mark which had been put on | where the cut has been exposed to the air for them by the doctor who had inspected them, some time the meat is almost black. From the and that without this stamp the meat could not | walls hang horses' sides half cut up, and from has to have this stamp, and one of the finest | smoked and dried. animals hanging in the room I found had been and it was filled with carcasses,

condition, and when they get too old to work | who are ravenously devouring big plates of they are brought here. Lame and unsound horses are often brought as soon as they become injured, and many of the horses killed are young and fat. They bring all the way from \$10 to \$30 apiece, and this slaughter-house buys them, and sells them after they are killed to the

retail butchers. Every part of the horse is utilized. The skins bring about \$3 apiece, and are tauned for leather. They make the finest of shoe leather. I am told, and much of the leather sold as porpoise hide is in reality horse hide. The tail is sold with the hide, but the mane and fetlocks are cut off and sold as hair for 25 cents a pound, and the bones go to the fertilizing establishment, and the waste bones of each horse brings

50 cents. Every drop of the blood is saved. I visited a blood-drying room, where there were hundreds of pans of blood standing on the shelves of an evaporator, much like that used for the drying of fruit in the United States. Our bloody guide told us that a large part of the blood was used for the making of buttons, and that the albumen in it was taken out and sold for use in the making of photographs. The rest goes for the making of lime and for manure, and even the hoofs of the horses are of value. Their shoes are taken off, barreled up, and shipped out to Chins, where they bring a big price, and where they are used, among other things, for the making of razors, and many a Chinese head is shaved with the same metal that once protected a German horse's hoof.

While I was present the men took a splendid horse from the stable and led him out to be killed. He was a magnificent black carriage horse, with a neck which showed good blood, and he was not, I judge, more than six years old. He had slipped and fallen a few days before, and had sprained his leg, so that he was lame for life. He had the kind, soft, beautiful eyes of a good horse, and it sickened me to think of his death. It was affecting to see him as the butchers took him and dragged him on his three legs across the yard, and it seemed like a sacrilege when one of them stopped him before the door of the killing-room and clipped with a pair of sheep-shears his mane and foreock close to the skin. It was more like murler than anything else when he was dragged on into the stable of death and killed.

on the floor, and his sensitive nostrils quiv-

I visited one of these shops yesterday. The than any other officials we have had for years. On the side of the door as we went in I saw sign "Ross Schlatere" is over the door, and bags of borses' tails which had been cut off and | and white walls. Across the front of it, near laid away for sale. Upon the skinned animals | the door, there is a counter of wood, and on this stamp in many places, and the butcher told me look like beef, but they are far redder, and be sold. Every cut that goes into the market the ceiling are suspended on hooks horses' hams

At one side there is a long string of little condemned by the doctors as unhealthy, and horse sausages, as black as ink and speckled though I could see no difference in it from any | with bits of white fat. They are put up in of the others it was not to be sold, and it was skins of about the diameter of the ordinary for the manure pile and not the dinner-table. pork sausage and of the shape and length of a This room was, I judge, at least 100 feet long, horseshoe. Each weighs a pound, and the bare-armed butcher behind the counter tells me they are worth 12 cents a pound. I inquire Have you ever seen a piece of horse meat? | the prices of other kinds of meats, and he tells It looks for all the world like venison, and it is | me I can have a fine cut from the loin for 30 redder than beef, and tastes much like venison. pfennigs, or six cents, and that I can have a The horses I saw to-day were generally fat, hashed-up Hamburg steak for five cents. On and I am told that the Germans sometimes fat- the counter lies a plate of yellow horse fat, and ten up their horses prior to bringing them to I ask what this is good for, when the man's the butchers. A fat horse will bring a higher | wife, whose cheeks are fat and rosy on a diet of price than a lean one, and this butcher shop | horse meat, tells me it is used by the poorer betters the condition of the old horses of Berlin. | classes for cooking butter; that it is as good as Before it was established men worked their goose grease for sick children, and that if spread borses to death, and an old plug was fed as over your person will make you fat and strong. little as possible and was worked till he | She tells me she sells horse oil in bottles for dropped. Now it pays to keep them in better I the rheumatism. She shows me her children,



A MARKET PORTER. herse-bone soup in the next room and look as fat and healthy as any children I have ever seen raised on beef. In company with her I walk over her little cellar tenement of six small rooms, three of which are devoted to the butchery and to the cooking of the horse meat in one shape or another, and she tells me that the meat is good and that her customers for it

The restaurants at which horse meat are sold are frequented entirely by the poorer classes. They are like all of the average low-class rea As he neared the door he smelled the blood | taurants in Berlin, and you get a fair quantity of vegetables with the average horse meat orered and he hong back. But a brutal stroke | der, and as a rule the cooking is fair for the with a club drove him on, and he stood price. Such meat as I sampled looked and

are regular ones.

home for five or six cents a trip. They do the work cheaper than men, and it is for this rea-son, perhaps, that they have crowded the men out of the markets. The One part of the market-house is devoted to

fish. They are sold alive, and you can pick them out while they are swimming in the vat, thus being sure they are fresh. The meatstalls are very clean, and the counters in front of them are of white marble. Every scrap of meat is sold, and the Germans make soup and sausage of cuts which in America go to the dogs. The vegetable market is very large, and on the outside of the market-houses you see little boys and girls peddling all sorts of vege-tables, while within the stalls, presided over by women, are piled high with green stuff. * It does not take much direction to find cheese-market. You have only to follow your nose and to let it follow the smell, and you come to a hundred stalls in which nothing but cheese and butter are sold. The butter is often wrapped up in cabbage-leaves, and the cheese is of every variety, from Sweitzer and Edam to Limburger and Stilton. The Germans use cheese more as a meat than as a relish, and with the poorer classes it largely takes the place of meat.

The retail market trade begins at 6 a. m. and it lasts till noon; and there is another market from 5 till 8 in the evening. There is a big wholesale vegetable and meat market here in the morning before 6, and a great deal of the wholesale marketing is done in the shape of auctions. The auctioneer will hold up a side of beef and fix a price upon it, and will then let the butchers bid against each other for it. It must, however, bring the low price which he puts upon it. Hams and poultry are sold in this same way, and one of the liveliest auction scenes in the world is that which takes place here before daybreak every Monday morning.

The Germans appreciate good things. In these markets I find that fine grades of meat and fine vegetables bring good prices. The German cooking is almost equal to that of the French, and you can get some things better here than anywhere else in the world. There is no finer asparagus to be found anywhere than that in Germany, and the poultry which is served up in the German restaurants is of excellent quality.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

the elite of Berlin were present, where nothing Vote on the Disability Bill, else than horse in one shape or another was EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Please state the party vote on the final passage of the distable, and among the articles on the bill of fare ability pension bill of June 27, 1890?-FRANKwere horse roast, horse ham, and filet of horse LIN HOWLAND, New Bedford, Mass. with salad. These were washed down with

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: How many Democrats voted for the disability pension bill, act of June 27, 1890, who will be in the 53d Congress? And how many voted against the bill; and their names? How many Republicans voted for it, and how many against it, that will be in the 53d Congress?-PETER MARTIN, Macon, Ill.

which was entirely devoted to horse meat, and which gives all sorts of recipes for cooking and [On its final passage by the Senate the bill serving it. There is one which tells how to received 34 yeas to 18 nays. Of the yeas 31 roast horse a la Cologne; one which has the were Republican, and three Democratic. Of the horse's carcass by the butcher jumping up of horse, or "wuerbebraten," and a third which the nays all were Democratic. In the House one for the serving of horse's brain in a way

The Republican Senators who voted for the bill who will be in the next Congress, are: Chandler, Cullom, Davis, Dixon, Dolph, Frye, Hale, Higgins, Hoar, Manderson, Pettigrew. that cool them and put them on a clean napkin | Platt, Power, Teller, Washburn. Successors and let them dry. Now cut them up in slices | are to be elected to the following Republican Senators who voted for the bill: Allen, Casey, Davis, Dawes, Hawley, Sanders, Sawyer. The three Democratic Senators who voted for the bill were Call, Hearst, and Turpie. Hearst is dead, Call has been re-elected, and a successor is to be elected to Turpie.

Of the Democratic Senators who voted against treat the brains in the same way, but you do the bill Barbour, Bate, Berry, Blackburn, Coke, George, Harris, McPherson, Morgan, Pasco, Pugh, Vance, Vest, and Walthal will be members of the next Congress.

To give the names of the Representatives All kinds of sausages are imitated in Berlin would take a good deal of space, and would be out of horse-flesh, and this recipe-book tells of little value, as 126 appeared on the role as how to cook horse-flesh so it will resemble all not voting, having paired off, or being otherkinds of beef and mutton, and the probability wise absent.—EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE.] is that in Paris or Vienna, where the laws are not so strict as they are here, that a great deal

On a Par with the Welsh Jury. In Mr. Sergeant Robinson's book, entitled Bench and Bar," there are some whimsical stories of days gone by. Among these is the following sentence, once pronounced on a prismarket has to go on under the inspection of the Government, and no meat is imported that is | oner by an occupant of the bench at the Old Bailey: "It is in my power to subject you to transportation for a period very considerably beyond the term of your natural life; but the court, in its mercy, will not go so far as it lawfully might go." On another occasion the same Judge addressed the culprit: "Prisoner at the bar, if ever there was a clearer case than this of a man robbing his master, this case is that case." To another prisoner he considerately offered "a chance of redeeming

a character that he had irretrievably lost." An Anecdote of Whittier.

To Whittier in his earlier years this laggard re-ognition brought his full share of the dishold to that which they have gained and to not | cipline which is peculiar to genius, and which no lesser spirit can suppose itself to understand, But he conquered it-the world knows how I visited the Berlin markets this morning. | thoroughly. He was never in the least unper-The buildings containing them cover half a | ceptive of the facts of his literary history. Once dozen acres of ground. They are roofed with he was found in the library of one of his Boston glass, and the majority of the sellers of meat | friends, silent and sad, in a mood not usual to and vegetables are women. The porters are him. Seeking to cheer him, his hostess ventured women, and I saw gray-haired dames of 60 car- some quiet words reminding him of the deep rying great baskets of meat and vegetables on personal affection in which he was held the their backs, and these baskets were held there | wide world over. His morning mail lay beside by straps which went around the shoulders, him. She pointed to the pile of grateful and and some of them weighed from 50 to 100 adoring letters.

pounds. They contained the supplies of pur- "Ah, yes," he said, "but they say Tennyson chasers, which these old women were carrying has written a perfect poem."



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MONESES NYLGHAU Authors of above: Guidon, T. Hinker (2), Ben Provato, A. Crostic, Aleda, Tantrums, and Jack O'Lantern in numerical order.

SOLVERS.

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NEW PUZZLES-NO. 72. NO. 676-TERMINAL DELETION. You married her, and then and there My heart was gripped by grim despair, For I had sought her for my bride, But truth she my ove hope denied-Would not with me life's journey share, And then you came with courtly air

To woo and win this maiden fair; She auswered "yes" when you applied-You married her.

I live next you and am aware-

Like all the neighbors two the square— That to a scolding wife you're tied, Whose tongue knows neither check nor guide And so to-night I'm glad, I swear, You married ber. -Guidon, Washington, D. C.

NOS. 677-8-SQUARES. by the Letts. 3. To cause to taste. (Obs.) 4. Swiss theologian, 1718-1775. 5. To-make in an ill form. 6. A daughter of Coens. (Anthon.) 7. American Federal military commander, 1820-1891.

-ALEXANDER, West Gray, Me. 1. Paucity. 2. Relating to oleic scid. 3. Sportive. Italian architect and sculptor, 1560-1646.
 Those who edit. 6. An Egyptian instrument. 7. An interval equal to half a comma. -T. HINKER, Bangor, Pa.

NO. 679-SINGLE-WORD ENIGMA.

In lover's "tender pleading" To maiden young and fair; In books we're "often reading"

At eve in easy-chair; In "ouls "kind comfort needing" To save from dark despair;

In friendly hand "that leading" Would draw us far from care;

In reason's "swift conceding' Convinced by logic rare;

In farmer's "hasty weeding"

Lest crops should badly fare; In cooks with "strong arms kneading" The bread they well prepare :

In lawyer's "solemn deeding'

With consequential air; In wayward hearts "none heeding." Though anguish keen be there

Through years and years succeeding COMPLETE sweet gifts will bear, All earthly ills impeding;

God send it everywhere! -G. RACE, Washington, D. C.

NOS. 650-1-SQUARES. 1. Village of Prussin, on the Eider. 2. Those who abase. 3. A sheet of partially-felted fur before it is united to the hat body. 4. Town, Segovia, Spain. (Bijou.) 5. Town of Spain, in Old Castile. (Wore.) 6. Danish jurist, 1827-1877. 7. Eighteenth President of the United States.

1. Commits a fault. 2. Resembling iron, as in taste. 3. Subtlety. (Obs.) 4. A river of Russis. 5. A palm-tree whose fruit furnishes oil. 6. P. O., Sullivan Co., Ps. 7. American Federal military commander, 1820-1891.

-PHIL DOWN, Brooklyn, N. Y. NO. 682-CHARADE.

Is life so brief, this tenanting of place So short a FIRST, 'tis Death that claims the fief? To only those whose doubt can Love efface

To only those is Azrael a thief Who, idle as the TOTAL populace, Upgarner Pleasure in a trea ure i sheaf.

Beloved, loved not LAST by every grace, 'Tis only since thy death that we are lief To murmur why, with ashen, tear-wet face,

Is life so brief. -FOROTHY DOGLETTLE, Jersey City, N. J.

NOS. 683-4-SQUARES. 1. Divine veng sauce. 2. Very choice, 3, A souvenir. 4. J ng sh politician, b. 1825. 5. Italian priest and astronomer, b. 1786. 6. Chants. 7. Stony. -ROKEBY, Ridge, O.

1. A town of France. 2. Suitable for an ogre. Spanish painter, 1620-1669, 4. Sessions, 5. Hindoo clerks or accountants. 6. Greek statuary. 7. -TUNSTE, Atlanta, Ga.

NO. 685-DECAPITATION. They told me she was fickle and as false as she was

That the lives she'd wrecked were countless as her threads of golden bair; They told me I would rue the day, the bitter day we met, That Love would flee and Hate come in till I would corse her vet. They told me. Ah, and I believed! Oh, God! I We went our ways. I wandered far, a nomad of the earth;

We met again in Memphis town, 'mid wild and FINE alarms. Where Death sat on the PRIMAL tops and cradled in his arms The stricken city's wasted form, a burden gaunt and ALL. Its drapery the winding-sheet, its cradle-cioth the

We met again! Ah! strange the time and stranger yet the fate; The yellow death was at my throat, his clutch was stern as hate. She brought me back to life and light, the conquer ed demon fled But, oh! Thou God! he came again, with deadly, silent tread. woke to life to kiss her once; the seal was on her

"I have been true, oh! love, good-by! God's will be done. I bow "-She slept the sleep. What curse was mine, what blight was on my heart; She had been true. I had been false. We met, ah but to part! -IRON MASK, Batavia, N. Y.

CHAT WITH CONTRIBUTORS.

Acceptable puzzles have been received from Iron Mask, Aspiro, Frantz, Dorothy Doolittle. Ben Trovato, Xiphias. Violet, and Alexander. -We have decided to award the prize offered for correct solution to the mathematical problem published a fortnight ago by lot, instead of to the one sending first answer. Many contestants reside in remote sections of the country, and we think this is the fairest to all concerned —Red Leaf has changed his place of residence, and is now located at 1221 Tenth street FOR LADIES. "Guide to Health," by Lydia E. Pinknorthwest, Washington, --- No. 678-a very pretty square, by the way-is dedicated to Itami. We would like to hear from that gentleman. - Axul writes that he will commence sending answers regularly if his solving machinery is not out of working order. It would axle-grease if he finds that to be the case.-Rokeby wishes to procure a second-hand copy of Lippincott's Gazetteer. If anybody has one —Phil Down has thanks for a batch of Musical Instruments, etc., to W. I. BROWN, squares in competition for our holiday prizes All puzzlers are requested to compete, as fel-

lows: Best square on Lincoln, U. S. Grant, Jackson, or Sherman, a valuable book. Best diamond on Chattanooga, Generalship, Island

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No. 10, or Libby Prison, same. Best flat from lady, same; from gentleman, same. Those for award of prizes has been extended to Feb. 15. The Diamond Club is the Arty Fishel title by which two or three Philadelphia posers are known .- What is the matter with a list of 58 solvers? Keep it up.

R. O. CHESTER.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS. Replies to Questions on a Variety of Interesting Subjects.

To Correspondents. - Write questions on a separate sheet of paper, give full name and address, and mark it "Correspondents' Column," Noattention will be paid to communications that are not accompanied with full name and address of writer. Our readers are requested to inclose a stamp for reply to their inquiries. Postal cards will be replied to by mail only. Replies by mail will ordinarily be made within a week, and if in this column within three weeks. I

I. H. M., Fargo, N. D .- What fee, if any, is legally allowed for procuring a certificate in lieu of a dis charge? 2. Why is there so much delay in getting a widow's claim prosecuted to completionso much longer than to put through a soldier's claim? This complaint seems to be as great in other States as in this one, Answer. 1. The usual fee is \$3. 2. We know of no reason for delay greater than that in any other claim.

C. A. S., Binghamton, N. Y.—1. Has the bill to pension Army Nurses passed, and what is the pay per month? 2. A comrade's wife went with his regiment, which was the 26th N. Y. Colored Inf. he served both as regimental hospital nurse and cook. She received a pass from the General Government to go, and also drew rations from the regiment. Is she not entitled to draw a pension? What is the pensionable status of an Army Nurse? Answer, 1. Yes. Act of August 5, 1892 \$12 per month.

F. S. Fairport, N. Y., -A soldier drawing \$72 per month died on the 25th of August, 1892 leaving some property and about two months' pension due. He left no other beirs than brother and sisters, Can these heirs get the two months' pension due their brother at the date of his death? If so, will they have to apply for it, or can an executor appointed by said soldier draw it for the heirs? Answer. They cannot recover under a recent ruling of the Department.

W. H. B., Stenbenville, O. - A soldier is drawing \$30 per month pension, and he has a good wife and children, but he leaves his family and refuses to support them, saying that the Government will keep him, let my family look out for themselves Is there may provision of law whereby his pension can be reduced, or can it be taken from him? An-

swer. No. W. J. C., Vicksburg, Mich - Five years ago I applied for increase on new disabilities, which I proved up with the aid of two comrades, besides furnishing other evidence. About two years later I was informed that my claim was on the complete files. A little later on I was sent before a Board of Examiners the accound time, and then last August I was notified by the Commissioner of Pensions and Congressman Burrows that my claim was before the Board of Review. 1, I wish to know whether I am likely to receive an increase, my claim being for deafness, partial loss of sight and varicose veins, while I am now drawing on gunshot wound of right hip, right hand, and rheu-matism \$24 per month? 2. When is my claim liable to be acted upon? 3. How long does it take generally before a claim is settled after it goes before the Board of Review? 4. If granted, would my increased pension date from the date of filing application therefor, or would it date from the date when first ordered before a Board of Examiners, or from the date when I was last sent before a Board . Elementary matters. 2. The language spoken | of Examiners? Answer. 1. We cannot say. The same. 3. The same. The claim may not pass the Board of Review. 4. If pension for new dis-

abilities is granted, pension therefor will date from

Many Subscribers .- A great many of our subscrib-

filing of application.

ers write us in reference to the Cherokee Suip, and the time of its opening up for settlement. One correspondent writes: "Will you please tell me if the Cherokee Strip will come into the market this Spring, and will it he a good site to make a Answer. Every honorably discharged soldier who served in the late war of the rebellion who has not already exhausted his privileges under the homestead law and obtained title to 160 acres of land, will have a chance to secure a homestead in the Cherokce Strip. The special privileges of an honorably-discharged soldier are, viz.; 1-t. That he can file his declaratory statement by an agent and then have six months within which to move upon the land, make his entry, and comply with the law. If the soldier should elect to do this, he should be careful to select an honest and reliable agent, for the filing of this paper exhausts his rights under the homestead law. It is best in all cases to be present in person and at once enter upon the land, 2d, He is entitled to have his term of service in the army, or if discharged by reason of wounds, his term of enlistment, not exceeding in any case a period of four years, deducted from the five years of residence and cultivation required by law, but in all cases an actual, bona-fide residence of one year is required. The Cherokee Strip is said to be a well-watered country, with a very fertile and fruitful soil. It promises to be settled up with a rush, and alto-gether it is said to be an excellent and desirable place, considered as a new country for those seeking homes there. We ennot say when it will be opened up to settlement. The matter is now pending in Congress, and important initiative action has already been taken. We suggest that our correspondents keep track of the matter by reading the notices, which are sure to be published broadcast in every newspaper in the country, as they appear the best and only means of keeping themselves well informed. J. S. G., Hamburg, Iowa.-1. I received a letter

from the Pension Bureau, stating that I was drawing a pension under the new law, and my old-law claim could not be taken up without injustice to other claimants who are not in receipt of a pension. I see in your issue of Dec. 22 that there is nothing in either law which conflicts or interferes with the other. Which is wrong, the Pension Bureau or THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE? 2. How many claims are there on the "finishing" files? 3. What are the duties of the First Deputy Commissioner? 4. About how long before claims come in their regular turn? Answer, 1. Neither is wrong. The statement of the Pension Bureau does not conflict with our statement. The old-law claim is simply laid aside, to come up again when all the new-law claims shall have been disposed of. It is thought by the Pension Bureau that those who are drawing a pension under the new law, and who have oldlaw claims pending, can better afford to wait until their less fortunate comrades, who are not in receipt of any pension, have been provided for When that time comes, all these old-law claims, which have been laid aside without prejudice, will be taken up and disposed of if they are complete. 2. By "finishing" files we presume you mean "complete files." According to the annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, there were, on Oct. 12, 1892, of all classes, 184,796 claims on the completed files, including 75,767 claims for increase. 3. He has charge of the Eastern and Southern Adjudicating Divisions, embracing claims arising from enlistments in Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Deiaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisi ana, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Mississippi Missouri, New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the U. S. Colored Troops. 4. That cannot be answered, because no two claims are alike.

> To Improve Cigarets. [St. Louis Globe Democrat.]

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